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203 38. (Amended) A balloon for a medical device characterized by an operating pressure to which the balloon may be safely inflated without bursting of at least 9 atmospheres, a diameter at 3 atmospheres of from about 12 to about 30 mm, [a generally linear diameter growth rate over the range of 3-9 atmospheres,] and a diameter growth of at least 3 mm over the range of 3-9 atm.

REMARKS

In the amended claims the "generally linear growth rate" limitation has been deleted as unnecessary to patentability. The dependence from an allowable claim, and/or the combination of high growth rate and high burst strength for the defined balloon size is seen to be sufficient to define novel and non-obvious subject matter. The application indicates that linearity is not a necessary to the invention. See original claim 11 (corresponding to claim 40); page 3, lines 6-20 and page 4, lines 11-12; and page 12, lines 24-28. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

In claims 35 and 36 a burst strength of at least 20 atmospheres has been inserted. Support is shown on Figure 3.

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